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To Whom it may Concern,

We, as architects and business owners located in Waterbury, CT, we'd like to support the bill supporting the Economic Development in an Urban Central Business District. Unlike major metropolitan areas such as Boston and New York, Connecticut was settled with many small cities. While this historically has prevented the favoring of one city or area over another, it makes the smaller cities more vulnerable to economic downturns. Since the late 1980's our cities have experienced a severe decline in economic and social strength.

We therefore strongly urge the passage of "Economic Development in an Urban Central Business District - Bill number 5470."

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